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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
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Craig A. Shoemaker et al. ) Group Art Unit 1645  
 ) Examiner: K. Shannan Shah  
Modified Live *Flavobacterium* )  
*Columnare* Against *Columnaris* )  
Disease in Fish )  
 )  
Serial No. 10/020,735 )  
 )  
Filed December 12, 2001 )

The Honorable  
The Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003. Please charge any fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2132.

The Office Action mailed December 3, 2003 reaffirm the Restriction Requirement and a potential Election of Species Requirement. Applicants acknowledge the result of the

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Restriction Requirement. Applicants have not yet canceled Claims 10-15, but with the allowance of claims presently being examined, Applicants will without prejudice cancel Claims 10-15 while reserving the right to file a continuation application on this subject matter.